GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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EARTHQUAKE RISK MITIGATION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an expert committee appointed to make recommendations regarding earthquake risk mitigation has submitted its report to the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has shared the recommendations of the expert committee with various States;;

(d) if so, the reaction of the States thereto; and

(e) the details of recommendations so far implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Committee of Experts constituted to develop model building byelaws, town and country planning legislation, zoning regulations and development control regulations for earthquake risk mitigation submitted its report in July, 2004.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d) & (e): The State Governments/UT Administrations were advised to set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Development Commissioner/Additional Chief Secretary with Secretary of Disaster Management, Secretary of Urban Development, Chief Town and country Planning Officer and Engineer-in-Chief (Works) as Members to go through the recommendations made in the report of the Expert Committee and adapt them to meet the requirements of the State. The Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC) has been entrusted with the responsibility to organize one day workshops in State/UT capitals with the participation of the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations, Development Authorities and selected engineers and officers from Municipal Corporations to assist the State Governments/UT Administrations in the adoption of the recommendations made by the Committee. The BMTPC has organized six workshops so far. 11 States Governments/UT Administrations have constituted the Committee for adoption of the model building byelaws, zoning regulations, development control regulations and town and country planning legislation.